

City of Fort Worth, Texas
Mayor and Council Communication

COUNCIL ACTION: Approved on 2/7/2006

DATE: Tuesday, February 07, 2006
LOG NAME: 05MODELBLK16&17

REFERENCE NO.: G-15083

SUBJECT:

Allocation of FY 2005 CDBG and HOME Investment Partnerships Grant Funds and Reallocation of Previous Years' CDBG and HOME Grant Funds, in the Amount of \$1.2 Million Each for the Stop Six Sunrise Edition Model Blocks and South Hemphill Heights Model Blocks, for a Total of \$2.4 Million

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Hold a public hearing to receive public comment regarding reallocation of previous years' CDBG and HOME grant funds;
- 2) Approve reallocation of previous years' CDBG and HOME grant funds to the Stop Six Sunrise Edition and South Hemphill Heights Model Blocks Programs; and
- 3) Allocate current year FY 2005 CDBG and HOME Grant funds to the Stop Six Sunrise Edition and South Hemphill Heights Model Blocks Programs.

DISCUSSION:

In August, award of the FY 2005 Model Blocks grants were announced to City Council. Two Model Blocks grants will be awarded this year: Stop Six Sunrise Edition in Council District 5 and South Hemphill Heights in Council District 9. Both neighborhoods received high scores and presented very competitive plans. Sufficient grant funds are available for reallocation from previous years' programs. In accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan for use of federal grant funds, a required 30-day public comment period regarding reallocation and appropriation of the required funds was held from Sunday, November 27, 2005 to December 28, 2005. A copy of the public notice is attached. A budget and summary of each of the Model Blocks plans is presented below, together with the sources of funds for each neighborhood grant. As seen below, limited available revenues from the defunct Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) program will be used to provide required matching funds for the HOME program.

Stop Six Sunrise Edition

The Stop Six Sunrise Edition Model Block is located in the southern area of the Stop Six neighborhood, bounded by Ramey on the north, Stalcup on the east, Berry on the south and Village Creek on the west. The neighborhood contains approximately 400 housing units generally constructed in the 1950's, of which approximately 75% are owner occupied. The population is 95% African-American, with 33% of households headed by senior citizens. According to 2000 Census data, approximately 75% of the population were low and moderate income in 1999. The area also has a high concentration of vacant lots suitable for infill development.

The Stop Six Sunrise Edition Model Block emphasizes housing rehabilitation and neighborhood

recognition, with the following budget:

<u>Model Block Project</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Grant Type</u>
Home Improvement Loans (22 homes)	\$652,001.00	HOME
Home Improvement Loans (HOME Match Rqmt.)	\$84,999.00	UDAG Revenues/Radisson Garage
Minor Home Repairs (77 homes)	\$308,000.00	CDBG
Minor Home Repair Program Delivery Costs	\$75,000.00	CDBG
Neighborhood Sign Toppers	\$2,400.00	CDBG
Neighborhood Entry Marker	\$42,800.00	CDBG
Lot Acquisition/Single Family Development	\$9,800.00	HOME
Single Family Development/Program Delivery Costs	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	HOME
Total	\$1,200,000.00	

In addition to investment of these grant funds, the neighborhood association has initiated rezoning and is sponsoring ongoing code compliance and public safety initiatives through the City's Code Ranger and Citizens on Patrol programs.

South Hemphill Heights

The South Hemphill Heights Model Block is located in south Fort Worth in the northwest quadrant of the intersection of Hemphill and Berry, with the BNSF railroad track forming its northwestern boundary. The neighborhood contains approximately 600 housing units generally constructed between 1925 and 1950, of which approximately 50% are owner occupied. The population is estimated to be 52% Hispanic, 40% Anglo, 3% African-American and 5% other. Approximately 12% of households are elderly. According to 2000 Census data, 70% of the population were low and moderate income in 1999.

The South Hemphill Heights Model Blocks Plan combines housing rehabilitation and development activities with improvements to Old Fire Station No. 10 to make it a focal point for neighborhood activities:

<u>Model Block Project</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Grant Type</u>
Home Improvement Loans (20 homes)	\$670,000.00	HOME
Minor Home Repair (22 units)	\$88,000.00	CDBG
Minor Home Repair Program Delivery	\$17,000.00	CDBG
Rehabilitation, Old Fire Station No. 10	\$170,000.00	CDBG
Park Development (behind Fire Station No.10)	\$80,000.00	CDBG
Alley Improvements/Cleanup	\$50,000.00	CDBG
Single Family New Construction/Infill	<u>\$125,000.00</u>	HOME
Total	\$1,200,000.00	

In addition to investment of these grant funds, the neighborhood will also be pursuing initiatives to vacate alleys, consider rezoning to reduce incidence of rental housing, support infill new construction by Habitat for Humanity and support the Berry-Hemphill Urban Village program. The neighborhood has an active Citizens on Patrol organization, works closely with the Hemphill Corridor Task Force and annually participates in the National Night Out and "Bringing Back Berry" area cleanup days.

FISCAL INFORMATION/CERTIFICATION:

The Finance Director certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, of the Grants Fund.

TO Fund/Account/Centers

GR76 539120 005206112XX0	\$5,326.68
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GR76 539120 005206128XX0	\$1,218.65

FROM Fund/Account/Centers

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<u>GR76 539120 005206930XX0</u>	<u>\$624,850.35</u>	<u>GR76 539120 005206930060</u>	<u>\$624,850.35</u>
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<u>GR76 539120 005206948XX0</u>	<u>\$84,999.00</u>	<u>GR76 539120 005206948010</u>	<u>\$84,999.00</u>

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